Assembly Bill No. 562

CHAPTER 178

An act to amend Section 17072.25 of the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 562, Cardenas. School facilities: funding priorities.

Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (Greene Act), authorizes the State Allocation Board to provide state per-pupil funding for school facilities. The Greene Act authorizes allocation of state funds, matched by local funds, for new construction and modernization, and authorizes application for funding in certain hardship cases. The Greene Act requires the board to establish and publish any procedures and policies in connection with the administration of the Greene Act.

Existing law requires the board to adopt regulations to develop a mechanism to rank approved applications for new construction funding to determine the priority of approved applications when state funds are insufficient.

This bill would , instead, require the board to adopt the priority regulations to rank approved applications if either (1) the total state funds necessary for funding all approved projects exceed the total state funds actually in the 1998 State School Facilities Fund for allocation for this purpose, or (2) the actual amount of the unallocated proceeds of state bonds available on or after July 1, 2000, for new construction is \$300,000,000.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17072.25 of the Education Code is amended to read:

17072.25. (a) The board shall adopt regulations to develop a mechanism to rank approved applications for new construction funding. This mechanism shall be used to determine the priority of approved applications when either of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The total state funds necessary for funding all approved projects pursuant to this chapter exceed the total state funds in the fund for allocation pursuant to this chapter.
- (2) The actual amount of unallocated proceeds of state bonds available on or after July 1, 2000, for new construction for the

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purposes of this chapter is at three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000).

- (b) The ranking mechanism shall allocate priority points based upon the percentages of currently and projected unhoused pupils relative to the total population of the applicant district or attendance area and the total number of currently and projected unhoused pupils in an applicant district or attendance area.
- (c) The board may award priority points based on other factors that in its judgment result in the most equitable distribution of resources among applicants. The additional factors may not constitute greater than a 10-percent weight in the overall priority ranking.